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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

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B7.7.2 Application of Rates (Cont'd)

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Ring level billing is defined as billing for the following rate elements: Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, Internodal Channel, Alternate Central Office Channel, Customer Node and Central Office Node. Billing for Customer Channel Interfaces and Central Office Channel Interfaces recurring and nonrecurring charges will be effective upon activation to the SMARTRing service.

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In addition, termination liability charges are also waived for upgrades to SMARTRing services, under the terms and conditions set forth in B2.4.9 preceding. Specific requirements must be satisfied in order for charges to be waived as follows:

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a. Nonrecurring charges set forth in B3.3 of this Tariff will be waived when a customer reconfigures existing Company provided network services that are groomed or rolled over onto a new SMARTRing service or upgraded from existing SMARTRing service.

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b. The customer's SMARTRing service, to which the network services are reconfigured, must be ordered under a CSPP. However, individual DS1 and/or DS3 channel interfaces associated with SMARTRing service may be provided under month-to-month terms if the existing services were provided under month-to-month rates.

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c. Special promotional waivers will be processed as projects for each customer designated location, and all associated connect and disconnect orders must be placed at the same time. Reconfiguration work must be completed within twelve months of the customer order date. Only one reconfiguration plan will be permitted per customer location.

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d. Special promotional waivers shall not apply when the service is moved by the customer from one location to another.

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e. In the event the SMARTRing service is disconnected at the customer's request prior to the expiration of the CSPP, full nonrecurring charges associated with ring level billing will apply.

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H. SMARTRing service Local Channel, Alternate Central Office Channel and Internodal Channel rates are distance sensitive. They are measured per quarter airline mile or fraction thereof from the customer's designated premises to the Serving Wire Center, Alternate Central Office, or other Customer Nodes. V&H coordinates are derived for each customer location through the use of longitude and latitude measurements. Using the V&H coordinate method as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4, compute the mileage, convert to quarter miles, and multiply the appropriate per quarter mile rate by the distance involved. Any portion of a quarter mile will always round up to the next quarter mile before determining the mileage and applying the rate. For channels which are less than one quarter mile, a minimum charge of one quarter mile applies.

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I. The SMARTRing service Interoffice Channel mileage is calculated per quarter airline mile between two directly connected central offices on the ring. Interoffice Channel mileage is computed by using the V&H coordinates method as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4. To determine the rate to be billed, multiply the appropriate per quarter mile rate by the distance involved. Fractions of a quarter mile always round up to the next quarter mile before determining the mileage and applying the rate. For channels which are less than one quarter mile, a minimum charge of one quarter mile applies.

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J. A nonrecurring charge applies for SMARTRing service Surveillance, one for each Customer Node and each Central Office Node, per SMARTRing service rearranged. A nonrecurring charge applies for Reconfiguration, one per reconfiguration of each STS-1 group at each node where such reconfiguration capability is desired. These rate elements apply when the Customer adds FlexServ service to an existing SMARTRing service.

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- K.** For conversions of LightGate service to a higher capacity OC-12, OC-48, OC-48+, OC-192 or OC-192+ SMARTRing service and for conversions of SMARTRing service to a higher capacity SMARTRing service arrangement, customers will be allowed to defer the start of SMARTRing service ring level billing when the new service arrangement is provided under the Channel Services Payment Plan (CSPP), as described in B2.4.9, preceding. The period of deferred billing shall be based on the Telephone Company's estimation of the time required for conversion, up to a maximum of 60 days. This applies to orders for new service associated with conversions, as described above, or orders associated with a project for conversion that is pending completion, as of September 22, 2006. For orders associated with a project for conversion that is pending completion, the deferred start of ring level billing shall be accomplished via credits to the customer's bill. For upgrades, as described above, that are completed in less than 60 days, the deferred start of ring level billing shall be associated with the completion of the upgrade. Customer's SMARTRing service CSPP arrangements shall begin after the deferral period and continue to completion, as described in B2.4.9, preceding, for the customers selected CSPP commitment period. (N)
- Ring level billing is defined as billing for the following rate elements: Local Channel, Interoffice Channel, Internodal Channel Alternate Central Office Channel, Customer Node and Central Office Node. Billing for Customer Channel Interfaces and Central Office Channel Interfaces recurring will be effective upon activation of the interface and is not available for deferred billing. (N)
- In case of a service outage associated with SMARTRing service ring level rate elements that have deferred billing, as described above, for new service associated with conversions or service associated with a project for conversion that is pending completion, a service outage credit will not apply. (N)
- L.** For situations where a customer requests Local Channel and Interoffice Channel service components to a central office and alternate facilities are available that provide an equal or higher level of protection than the requested service arrangement, such alternate facilities may be utilized, with concurrence of the customer, and the rate application shall be that of the Local Channel and Interoffice Channel service components as requested by the customer. (N)



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B7.7.3 Architecture

A. SMARTRing Service

The SMARTRing service configuration utilizes a multi-nodal ring architecture which is specified jointly by the Company and the customer. The minimum configuration provides dedicated DS3 (44.736 Mbps) and/or DS1 digital services and must include at least three nodes. . One node must be a Central Office Node in Company Central Office. The remaining two nodes may be either Central Office Nodes in a Company Central Offices or Customer Nodes at customer designated locations, or one of each. Additional nodes above the three node minimum may be any combination thereof. The maximum number of nodes will be determined based on equipment capability. The nodes are connected by SMARTRing service Local Channels, Alternate Central Office Channels, Interoffice Channels and Internodal Channels as applicable. SMARTRing service may be connected to other high capacity services only at Central Office Nodes.

Applicable rate elements for this service are:

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